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REMARKS

Claims 1-66 are pending in this application. Prior to this amendment, claims 1, 5, 6, 9-30, 36-46, 49-51, 58-59 and 65 were withdrawn from examination, and claims 4, 31-35, 47, 48, 51, and 60-64 were allowed. Claims 2 and 66 have been rejected on various grounds, and claim 3 was objected to as defining allowable subject matter but depending on a claim under rejection.

These objections and rejections are addressed in the appropriate sections below.

This Amendment cancels claims 1-3, 5, 6, 9, 10, 58, 59, 65, and 66 and adds new claim 67. New claim 67 finds support in e.g. original claims 2, 3, and 60 and their corresponding description in the specification. Dependent claims 7 and 8 have been amended to remove dependency on canceled claims. Applicant has also amended claims 11-30, 36-46, and 49-51 to remove their dependency on withdrawn and now canceled claims. Applicant therefore respectfully requests rejoinder of amended dependent claims 11-30, 36-46, and 49-51, as their dependence on allowed or allowable claims introduces no new patentability issues for the Examiner's consideration.

In view of the preceding amendments and the remarks made herein, the present application is believed to be in condition for allowance.

35 U.S.C. § 102(e)

Claims 2 and 66 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 6,470,106 to McClelland et al.

Claims 2 and 66 have been canceled, rendering the rejection moot.

Objection to claim 3

Claim 3 was objected to as defining patentable subject matter but depending on a rejected claim. Claim 3 was canceled, rendering the rejection moot.

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In view of the above, each of the presently pending claims in this application is believed to be in immediate condition for allowance. Accordingly, the Examiner is respectfully requested to withdraw the outstanding rejection of the claims and to pass this application to issue. If it is determined that a telephone conference would expedite the prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at the number given below.

In the event the U.S. Patent and Trademark office determines that an extension and/or other relief is required, applicant petitions for any required relief including extensions of time and authorizes the Commissioner to charge the cost of such petitions and/or other fees due in connection with the filing of this document to Deposit Account No. 03-1952 referencing docket no. 373722002400. However, the Commissioner is not authorized to charge the cost of the issue fee to the Deposit Account.

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